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	<p>ii. the contribution to the national interest of the Republic of South Africa.</p> <p>(Applicants should contact the Department of Trade and Industry directly to enquire about obtaining such recommendation: vrecom@thedti.gov.za.)</p>	
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	<p>An application for a business visa by a foreigner who has established a business or invested in an existing business in the Republic of South Africa, shall be accompanied by –</p> <p>a) a certificate or a factual finding report issued by a chartered accountant registered with the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, a professional accountant registered with the South African Institute of Professional Accountants or a business accountant registered with the South African Institute for Business Accountants to the effect that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. at least R5 000 000,00 in cash, originating from outside the Republic, is available to be invested or already invested in the business; or ii. at least R5 000 000,00 in cash and a capital contribution (must be new machinery and / or equipment), originating from outside the Republic, is available to be invested or already invested in the business; <p>(See note below in respect of the reduction or waiver of the capitalisation requirements)</p> <p>b) proof that at least 60% of the total staff complement employed in the operations of the business shall be South African citizens or permanent residents employed permanently in various positions;</p> <p>c) proof of registration with the –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. South African Revenue Service; ii. Unemployment Insurance Fund; iii. Compensation Fund for Occupational Injuries and Diseases; iv. Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC), where legally required; and v. relevant professional body, board or council recognised by SAQA in terms of section 13(1)(i) of the National Qualifications Framework Act, where applicable; <p>d) a letter of recommendation from the Department of Trade and Industry regarding –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the feasibility of the business; and ii. the contribution to the national interest of the Republic of South Africa; <p>(Applicants should contact the Department of Trade and Industry directly to enquire about obtaining such recommendation: vrecom@thedti.gov.za.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>A foreigner who has established a business or has invested in an existing business shall, in addition, submit –</p> <p>a) financial statements in respect of the preceding financial year; and</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>



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	b) proof of investment.	
	<p>An <u>original</u> police clearance certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be issued by the police or security authority in each country where the applicant resided for 12 months or longer after attaining the age of 18 years, in respect of criminal records or the character of that applicant. • In the case of applicants who have previously held retired person visas / permits for the Republic of South Africa with a validity of 12 months or longer, they shall also submit South African police clearance certificates. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>A medical report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prescribed form BI-811) must be used • The prescribed form BI-811 must be completed, signed, stamped and dated by a registered medical practitioner with regard to the applicant's general state of health, detailing any medical condition he or she suffers from. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>A radiological report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prescribed form BI-806 • The prescribed form BI-806 must be completed, signed, stamped and dated by a registered radiologist certifying that the applicant has been examined and that no signs of active pulmonary tuberculosis could be detected. • Not required in respect of children under the age of 12 years or pregnant women. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>In respect of dependent children accompanying the applicant or joining the applicant in the Republic of South Africa, proof of parental responsibilities and rights or written consent in the form of an affidavit from the other parent or legal guardian, as the case may be. Certified copies of the parents' / legal guardians' passports or identity documents must also be attached.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>In respect of a spouse accompanying the applicant or joining the applicant in the Republic of South Africa, a copy of a marriage certificate or proof of a permanent homosexual or heterosexual relationship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a marriage certificate is not in English, it must be translated and certified as a correct translation by a sworn translator 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>A yellow fever vaccination certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only required, if the foreigner travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area to the Republic of South Africa. • The certificate shall not be required where that person travelled or intends travelling in 	<input type="checkbox"/>



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	direct transit through such an area.	
	Proof of payment of the applicable fee DKK 882 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of the application fee must be made through an electronic bank transfer to DANSKE BANK Reg. No. 4001 Account No. 10647320 • A copy of the transfer / deposit slip must be submitted as proof of payment. • Payment must be made at least five working (5) days before submitting the application. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note:

- ** In terms of subsection (1A) of the Immigration Act, as amended, no business visa may be issued or renewed in respect of the following business undertaking:

 - a) *Businesses that import second hand motor vehicles into the Republic of South Africa for the purpose of exporting to other markets outside the Republic of South Africa;*
 - b) *The exotic entertainment industry;*
 - c) *Security Industry.**

- *The applicant must, within 12 months of the visa being issued, submit to the Director-General a letter from the Department of Labour confirming that a report regarding the undertaking referred to in section 15(1)(c)(ii) of the Act that 60% of the staff complement employed in the operations of the business are South African citizens or permanent residents who are employed permanently in various positions.*

- *A business visa may be issued for a period not exceeding three years at a time.*

- *The holder of a business visa may not conduct work other than work related to the business in respect of which the visa has been issued.*

- *In terms of section 15(3) of the Immigration Act, as amended, the Director-General may reduce or waive the financial or capital contribution for businesses which are prescribed to be in the national interest, or when so requested by the Department of Trade and Industry. Applicants should contact the Department of Trade and Industry directly to enquire about obtaining such capitalisation reduction or waiver: vrecom@thedti.gov.za.*

- *The holder of a business visa shall submit proof to the satisfaction of the Director-General of the Department of Home Affairs that he or she has invested the prescribed financial or capital contribution in such business within twenty-four (24) months of the issuance of the visa, and within every two (2) years thereafter.*

- *A business visa may be issued to a foreigner for more than one entry if multiple entries into the Republic of South Africa by that foreigner over a period of time are necessary for that foreigner to conduct the business in question effectively.*

- ***Status / progress reports are not provided during the above-mentioned processing period.*** *Furthermore, no 'express service' for processing visa applications is available – complete applications are adjudicated on a First-In-First-Out basis.*

- ***Visa applications which are not complete shall not be taken in to be processed.*** *It is therefore the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his or her visa application is complete as per the checklist.*



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- *In the case of inconsistencies and / or incomplete information, our office reserves the right to request the applicant to submit additional documentation to substantiate the visa application.*
- *Documentation that accompanies the visa application shall be original or copies authenticated by the issuing authority of the country of origin and where necessary, translated into English and certified as a correct translation by a sworn translator at the expense of the applicant.*
- *A visa issued at a foreign mission of the Republic of South Africa shall be affixed to the passport of the applicant and shall only be valid if an entry stamp has been affixed thereto at the port of entry and the date of such entry stamp shall be the effective date.*